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## **Re: Devlin Road/Soscol Ferry Road Roundabout Project – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear John McDowell:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the July 2021 Draft IS/MND.

### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project would construct a modern, yield-controlled, single-lane, three-legged roundabout at the Devlin Road/Soscol Ferry Road intersection. This project location is adjacent to the State Route (SR)-29 and SR-221 interchange, where the construction of the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Soscol Junction Improvement Project is anticipated to begin in 2022. Additional improvements include the installation of a multi-modal pathway and pedestrian crossing, lighting and restriping and landscaping.

### **Design**

Caltrans recommends relocating the existing driveway facing the proposed roundabout at least 100 feet west of the roundabout circle. Please ensure that the minimum distance requirements between the proposed project and the Soscol Junction roundabout are met.

### **Traffic Impact**

Please provide details of mitigations to address this project's construction related issues and potential traffic hazards.

### **Construction-Related Impacts**

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways, and/or travel lane closures on SR-29 and SR-221 requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

### **Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the County of Napa is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

### **Equitable Access**

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

### **Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that any improvements to be constructed within the State ROW must meet Caltrans standards. Any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to [D4Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D4Permits@dot.ca.gov).

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To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Yunsheng Luo at [Yunsheng.Luo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Yunsheng.Luo@dot.ca.gov). Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email [LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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